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ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR GIRL STUDENTS IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes special economic package for girl students in tribal dominated areas as reported in the `Hindustan` dated November 16,2006:

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of tribal girl students out of school during each of the last three years till 2006-07 upto November 2006,State-wise; and

(d) the details of steps taken by the Govemment for promotion of tribal heritage/culture in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tn`bal Affairs at present implements a Central Sector Scheme namely `Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas`. This scheme is bcing.revamped with additional inputs to increase its effectiveness.

(c): Data regarding drop out rates ofST girl.studcnts is available only up to the year 2003-04. The figures,State-wise,are at Annexure.

(d): In. order to promote tribal heritage/culture in the country,the Tribal Research Institutes in the various states undertake various activities,such as maintenance of a tribal museum depicting tribal lifestyle and artifacts,holding of seminars and training programmes on tribal related matters etc. The Ministry also organizes seminars/workshops and cultural programmes and gets research studies conducted on various aspects of tribal life.